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Recollections of the Early History of Michigan Chapter Of The American Institute of Architects

by Frank Conger Baldwin

It was, I think, in the year 1894 that I became an associate or junior member of the Michigan Chapter (but not a member of The American Institute of Architects) and continued in that status until 1897, when I was admitted to membership in the Institute.

In 1896, the annual Convention of the Institute was held in Detroit, in the old Hotel Cadillac, and was presided over by its president, George B. Post. Glenn Brown was the national Secretary. I think that James Rogers, of the old firm of Rogers and Macfarlane, was president of the Michigan Chapter, and Richard E. Raseman was its secretary.

A committee of the Chapter, consisting of Rogers, Raseman, Henry J. Meier and myself, was formed to arrange for the entertainment of the Convention. This committee made plans for a rather elaborate series of sight-seeing and other entertainments, including the chartering of one of the ferry boats for a moonlight ride on the river and Lake St. Clair. To meet the expenses of this entertainment, the committee, in its innocence, solicited and received contributions of money from some of the leading building contractors of the city, such as Henry George & Sons, Spitzley & Company, Albert Albrecht, etc. In some mysterious manner, this method of procedure came to the knowledge of the officers of the Institute a week or so prior to the date of the Convention and we received a "hot" telegram from Glenn Brown, the Secretary, upbraiding the Chapter for its undignified

and unethical conduct and stating that under no circumstances could the delegates to the convention accept hospitalities which were paid for by the contractors. The committee held a hurriedly called meeting on a Sunday morning in my office, which resulted in the return of the cash contributions to the contractors and a passing of the hat among the members of the Chapter. The program of entertainment was carried out as originally planned. Incidentally, many of the delegates subsequently expressed their opinion that it was the most enjoyable Convention that they had ever attended.

Because of my activities as one of the Entertainment Committee, I was naturally thrown into intimate contact with the officers of the Institute during their 3-day sojourn in Detroit, and Mr. Glenn Brown suggested that I should become a member of the national body. He explained that the annual dues of members was \$20.00, and of Fellows \$25.00, and that the choice of which class to join was optional with the candidate. I joined as a Fellow in 1897. At this date (1939), being now a member of the

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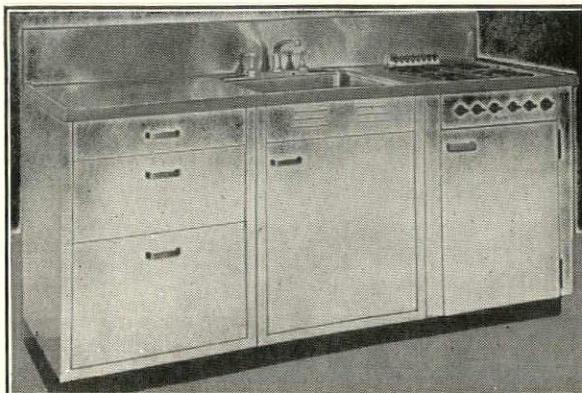
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HERBERT G. WENZELL



Herbert G. Wenzell, prominent Detroit Architect and member of the firm of George D. Mason and Company, died suddenly of a heart attack at 8 A. M. Sunday, May 28th at his home at 4003 Hazelwood Avenue.

Born in Detroit, December 7, 1883, Herbert attended Central High School, where his father, the late George P. Wenzell, was a teacher of History for many years. He later attended the University of Pennsylvania and Atelier Hornbostel, qualifying in finals for the Beaux Arts Paris Prize.

He was a designer in the office of Warren and Wetmore of New York and with Tracy and Swartout of the same city. He spent one year in foreign travel and study, after which he entered the office of George D. Mason, known as the dean of Michigan architects, in 1912, becoming a member of the firm of George D. Mason and Company in 1920, together with Mr. Mason, David H. Williams, Jr. and Albert C. McDonald, which connection continued until his death. At present George D. Mason Associates, which firm also includes Luther R. Hoffman, Engineer, is engaged on the S. James Herman development, largest of the local Federal projects.

Herbert Wenzell had for many years been an active member of the Michigan Society of Architects and of the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the latter organization.

Besides being an architect of the first rank, he possessed a keen analytical mind and was articulate in expressing his views. He was a regular contributor to our publication and only in the last issue the leading article was by him. He always took great interest in the younger men and extended a helping hand at every opportunity. He possessed firm convictions and high ideals and was ever ready to promote the interests of the profession he loved so much.

Herb had a host of friends who will feel that their lives have been made richer by having known him. He has occupied an enviable place in the creation of better architecture in our city and our profession has sustained a distinct loss in his passing.

Funeral services were held at Central Woodward Christian Church at 11 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, May 31, the pastor, Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones, conducting. It is fitting that the ceremonies should be in this church, an excellent example of his architecture, which was awarded the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A. honor award for ecclesiastical buildings.

Other examples of his work were the Standard Savings and Loan Building at 409 Griswold Street, in which his firm is located; Detroit Yacht Club, Highland Park Y. W. C. A. Building, Detroit Masonic Temple, Third Church of Christ Scientist at Second and Seward Avenues, and many other fine buildings.

He was a member of the Intercollegiate Alumni Club, a thirty-second degree Mason and member of University Lodge No. 482 F. & A. M.

Besides his wife, Catherine, he leaves one son, Philip, a college student.

Interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery, with University Lodge in charge.

HERBERT G. WENZELL

Members of the architectural profession were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Herbert G. Wenzell. He was cut off in the prime of life just as with his colleagues he had given form to another tremendous housing project.

Born fifty-five years ago, much of his early training was in the office of Mr. George D. Mason of whose firm he became a member in 1920. He had in the meantime spent two years in study at the University of Pennsylvania, 1904-06, a year abroad, and six years on important work in New York offices, among them Warren and Wetmore, after which he returned to Detroit. His foreign sketches were revealing; they were sensitive in line and showed a fine appreciation of form, qualities which appeared in his scholarly design where mass and detail received well-balanced consideration. This held true whether the design involved a very free use of classical form, as in the simple but splendid Standard Savings and Loan Building where the firm's offices are, or in the important churches, residences and other structures which came to his desk in the wealth of work designed and carried out by George D. Mason and Company. Of the churches the Central Woodward Christian Church was one of his favorites and is the one from which so appropriately he was buried. Over all the others and one of the most complex problems of its time looms the great Masonic Temple, admired by our greatest American Gothicist, Ralph Adams Cram.

It will be recalled that both the Masonic Temple and the Central Woodward Christian Church were by outside juries awarded medals of honor of the Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects.

While Mr. Wenzell admired the work of Goodhue, Cret, and the English masters of the country house, his attack was individual and non-archeological though richly backgrounded. He gave definite and consonant character to each solution, and to look over the office photographs of the firm's work of the last twenty-five years and to know some of the buildings, is to realize his versatility. To have known him during those years is to understand his sincerity, his deep feeling for his art and to appreciate the effect on him of fairly recent dark years. Yet he collaborated with good spirit in the first campaign of the Historic American Buildings Survey, 1933-1934, having charge of one of the two drafting groups, he himself doing field work and making some of the drawings.

Herbert Wenzell might have become a successful professional writer had he so chosen. His stimulating and able papers were marked by clear thinking, effectiveness and concision of style, as independence and terseness marked his judgments in committee meetings. He was a valuable juror on matters of design and he often demonstrated his interest in civic problems.

Great is the pity that he could not have been spared for what he might yet have done, for like Goodhue, and in spite of some of his utterances to provoke discussion, he was thinking beyond what he had thus far done. Great is our loss in the passing of this gifted and lovable personality in whom the creative worker of distinction and the professional man of high integrity were so well blended.

Emil Lorch.

Ann Arbor, May 30, 1939.

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Jury of Fellows, whose duty it is to scrutinize very thoroughly the qualifications of candidates for advancement to the honorable state of Fellowship in the Institute, I cannot avoid the consciousness that I sneaked into my Fellowship through the coal-hole in the basement.

But, to revert to the Chapter history. A year or so after the Convention, I was elected Secretary of the Chapter, succeeding Dick Raseman, and held that office for eight years. It was the custom, at each annual election of officers, to ballot upon them in the usual order, first electing the president, then the vice-president, the treasurer and, lastly, the secretary. After my eight years of service as secretary, it occurred to me that I was likely to be continued in that office indefinitely and with small probability of any advancement, so I declined a re-election and Alpheus W. Chittenden was chosen to succeed me. The following year I was elected president of the Chapter.

The Chapter, in those days and for many years, held its monthly meetings, with a dinner, in a room over Richter's German saloon and Cafe, on State Street, between Woodward Avenue and Griswold Street, and the meetings were always serious though most enjoyable. Many Chapter activities were initiated at those meetings which tended toward advancing the importance of the architectural profession in the community life, as well as a fraternizing of the architects themselves.

Occasional extra entertainments were offered, such as a demonstration of radio communication by John W. Dyer, a local citizen, in the very infancy of the marvelous scientific development with which we are now so familiar.

On another occasion, the Chapter entertained Mr. H. V. Lanchester, architect of London, England, whom I had met at the International Congress of Architects which was held in London in 1906. Mr. Lanchester gave a lecture on East Indian Architecture, in the auditorium of the Detroit Museum of Art. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides showing several important government buildings of which Mr. Lanchester was the architect. The Chapter entertained him at "Billy" Dobson's Road House with one of Dobson's famous frog suppers, which he apparently enjoyed to the utmost.

The Chapter took a prominent part in efforts to obtain legislation for the licensing of architects, but struggled with legislative committees for several years before this end was attained.

The Chapter was also instrumental in getting a course in Architecture established at the University of Michigan. At first, however, the course was but a subordinate adjunct of the Engineering Department of the University, under Prof. Mortimer E. Cooley. Emil Lorch was the first instructor in Architecture. His valued services in that connection were duly appreciated by the University authorities and he later became Director of the Department of Architecture when it was separated from the Engineering Department and given an individual status. The Chapter voted from its treasury several hundred dollars to be used in the purchase of architectural books for the new Department.

The Chapter cooperated in establishing the Detroit School of Design, of which I was the first president, and which for several years conducted classes in industrial design at the Detroit Museum of Art. Through the efforts of John M. Donaldson and Mr.

Charles L. Freer, the Board of Aldermen of the City appropriated the sum of \$5,000, with which to start this enterprise, but it had a short life owing to the difficulty in obtaining adequate financial support.

The Chapter was also instrumental in obtaining the passage of a City ordinance creating the first Municipal Plan Commission. Mr. Charles Moore, formerly secretary of the McMillan Commission of Washington, D. C. and at that time a resident of Detroit, was the chairman of the local Commission, and John Donaldson and I were appointed as members, I acting as secretary.

Perhaps the most noteworthy achievement of the Chapter in those early days was its contribution toward the standardization of professional documents, relating the history of this activity, I cannot avoid now universally used throughout the country. In relating the history of this activity, I cannot avoid mention of my personal connection with it; but, while I am proud of that connection, I do not wish to seem to stress it as overshadowing the great work of the others who collaborated with me in attaining the ultimate results. The story of this activity of the Chapter is as follows:

When I formed a partnership with William Stratton, it devolved upon me to prepare all of the specifications and contracts incidental to our work and, lacking much experience, I gathered together as many copies of the specifications of the older firms in Detroit and other cities as I could get my hands on. My first task was the preparation of the "General Conditions of the Contract" and I labored long and studiously in an effort to simplify and eliminate the confusing and ambiguous clauses which prevailed in some of the specifications under study. I also realized that the building contractors must labor under the necessity of familiarizing themselves with the varying practices and whims of all the separate offices with whom they dealt, as expressed by their specifications. During the course of my study, it occurred to me that it was a silly idea that a similar amount of effort and study should be a problem for each individual or firm practicing architecture, and I submitted the matter to the Chapter, with the suggestion that a Chapter committee make a study of the whole subject and devise a set of uniform "General Conditions" for adoption and use by all of its members. Such a committee was promptly appointed, consisting of Henry Meier, James Rogers and myself. The committee worked for months and evolved a set of "General Conditions" which was immediately adopted and put in force in the offices of all the members of the Chapter.

At the next annual Convention of the Institute, held in Washington, Mr. Allan B. Pond of Chicago announced on the floor that, in his opinion, "the most outstanding contribution in many years had been made by the Michigan Chapter, in the adoption of a uniform set of General Conditions." The announcement was received with great enthusiasm by the delegates and a resolution was passed instructing the president to appoint a special committee to study the problem and produce a similar set of uniform "General Conditions" for use by the entire Institute.

The president, Mr. Frank Miles Day, thereupon appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. Pond, chairman, Grosvenor Atterbury, Frank Ferguson and myself. This committee labored hard and constantly for three years, consulting with the American Asso-

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LANSING-JACKSON DIVISION MEETING

Wednesday, May 24th, members of the Lansing-Jackson Division of the Society journeyed to Hillsdale to play golf and dine with Frank Drittler at the Country Club there. No account of the scores will be given as it might embarrass most of us as no sportier course can be found in southern Michigan.

Jim Stewart took honors with his shirt (top of his pajamas). Honors were shared by Gus Languis and Art Zimmerman for greatest number of balls lost. Frank Drittler wants to know why the majority of architects can't break a hundred. After an excellent chicken dinner the party enjoyed cards (mine were rotten) and voted it the most enjoyable of our meetings, thanks to Frank, who arranged everything.

RALPH B. HERRICK.
Secretary-Treasurer

SUKERT GOES TO WASHINGTON

Lancelot Sukert, who has for several years served as Chief Architectural Supervisor of the Detroit Insuring Office, Federal Housing Administration, has been called to Washington to accept a position at headquarters of the F.H.A. He leaves on June 15th. Mr. Sukert's many friends regret to lose him as a resident of Detroit but will wish for him the very best of success in his new location.

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The sale of the Contract Documents, since they were first promulgated by the Institute, has been a constant source of revenue to the organization. The annual income, from them, in normal times, averages about \$15,000.00, and the total revenue has probably exceeded \$150,000.00.

The Michigan Chapter and its successor the Detroit Chapter have usually been well represented in the councils of the Institute and on its standing committees. John M. Donaldson was a Director for three years, and, later, a vice-president. Dalton J. V. Snyder and Clair Ditchy have served on the Board and I was a Director for three years, a vice-president for three years and, subsequently served as Secretary for nine years.

E. A. BOWD HONORED



Bowd

Edwyn A. Bowd, Lansing architect, was the honored guest at a dinner given in Lansing, May 23rd by his associates in the firm of Bowd-Munson, Inc., at the Hotel Olds. The affair was in observance of Mr. Bowd's 50th anniversary in the architectural business there.

During the half century since he established his own firm, Mr. Bowd has designed many of Lansing's principal business, public and civic structures. His work has progressed with the times. His projects include the architecture of yesterday with its "gingerbread" trimmings as well as the modern structures of today.

Mr. Bowd's organization designed the old Masonic temple as well as the new one that adjoins it on Capitol avenue. He planned old Wells hall at Michigan State college as well as the new ultra modern men's dormitories. He was architect for the city hall and the state office building, and the courthouse and city hall at Mason.

Mr. Bowd came to Lansing in 1887 to take charge of the architectural office of William Appleyard in the Dodge building. In 1889 he bought out Mr. Appleyard, who was then architect for Michigan State college. Mr. Bowd has been the college architect ever since.

In 1906 Mr. Bowd bought a house located at the corner of Allegan street and Capitol avenue where the Industrial bank now stands. It was known as the "Governor's Mansion," but no governor ever lived in it. It was used by the architect for his home and business. In 1923 he sold the property and moved the house to its present location at 2003 West Main street, where he still maintains his home.

Orlie J. Munson became a partner with Mr. Bowd in 1925 and in 1929 the present firm of Bowd-Munson, Inc., was incorporated. Partners in the firm are Mr. Bowd, Mr. Munson and Miss Lois M. Cowles, who was first employed by Mr. Bowd in 1904.

The three architects now associated with Mr. Bowd all started with him as apprentices. Mr. Munson started with him in 1908, C. V. Hetrick in 1926, and Donald Ross in 1932.

Mr. Bowd was born in Cheltenham, England, in 1865 and came to Detroit with his mother in 1884 where he started his career with Gordon W. Lloyd, architect.

Among other buildings designed by Mr. Bowd and his associates are a number of those on the Michigan State college campus, including the new field house, auditorium and other huge structures now under construction; several buildings at the school for the blind and the boys' vocational school, the First Baptist church, Reo clubhouse, administration and factory buildings, and numerous others.

Those at the party given in honor of Mr. Bowd Tuesday night were: Mr. and Mrs. Bowd, Mr. and Mrs. Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Hetrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Miss Cowles, office manager, and Miss Lois Ellerby.

At the annual meeting of the Architects' Small Homes Association of Michigan, six directors were elected as follows: Lyle F. Zisler and John A. Williams for three years, Clair W. Ditchy and Andrew R. Morison for two years, J. MacDonald Jacob and Earl W. Pellerin for one year.

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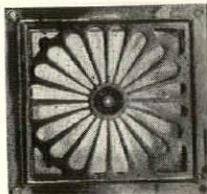
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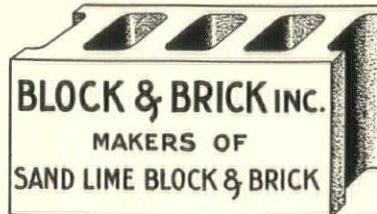
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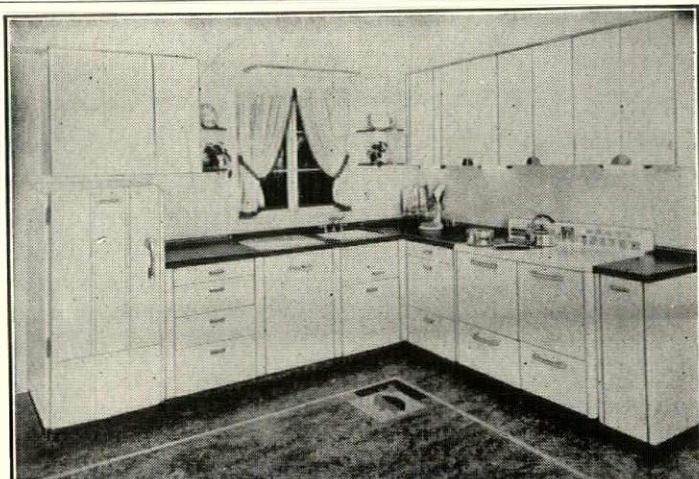
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Mid-West Regional Meeting

Great Lakes and Illinois-Wisconsin Districts of The American Institute of Architects and State Societies of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Wisconsin.

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, June 23, 24, 1939

In arranging the coming meeting for architects in the midwestern states, Clair W. Ditchy, Regional Director of The American Institute of Architects, for the Great Lakes District, emphasizes the importance to all architects in the Chapters of these states, the state societies and also to all members of the profession whether or not they are affiliated with any architectural organizations.

One of the important items for discussion is Unification of the profession, which has to do with representation of every practitioner. A cordial invitation is, therefore, extended to all those interested. Mr. Ditchy has recently visited the Chapters and Societies in his district and copies of this issue of the Weekly Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects are being mailed to architects in the two districts.

The Committee on Arrangements have planned a most impressive program which should be very stimulating and it is expected that this will be one of the most constructive architectural gatherings which has been held in this section of the country for many years. Charles D. Maginnis, President of The Institute, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

Opportunity will also be afforded to see a University that is different and at a time of year when it will be at its best advantage.

Expenses of delegates will be kept at a minimum with registration at one dollar. The University has generously offered to delegates the opportunity of spending the night at the dormitories for one dollar per person, and similar arrangements for wives. The Banquet will be \$1.50 per plate.

Our good friends and affiliates in the Producers' Council will be represented by a number of members as well as by past president, Russell Creviston and James W. Follin, Managing Director.



Ditchy



Maginnis



Fugard



Follin

South Bend is within easy drive of practically all the cities within the districts and it is expected that delegates will arrive in time for registration beginning at 1:00 P. M., Friday, June 23rd. At the opening session an address of welcome will be given by Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C., Vice-President of Notre Dame with responses by John Fugard representing

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An attendance of 250 architects and guests including ladies is expected. An unparalleled opportunity will be afforded to meet architects from other sections of the country which should result in establishing a precedent of making this an annual affair.

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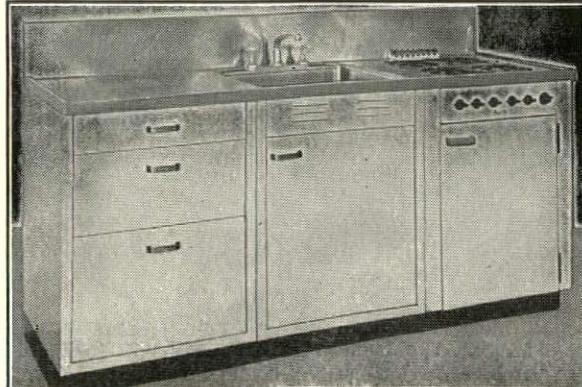
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CHAPTER MAY MEETING

The Detroit Chapter, A. I. A., held its May meeting in Ann Arbor on Saturday evening, May 27th at the Michigan Union. Dinner was served to some fifty members and guests including ladies.

President Hyde in opening the meeting stated that it was indeed a happy occasion to which we all looked forward annually, with Ann Arbor in all its beauty and the opportunity to meet again with the ladies. Being a bachelor, he has his only ideas about that.

Mr. William Stanley Parker, F.A.I.A. of Boston, Chairman of the Institute Committee on Industrial Relations was our guest of Honor. Mr. Parker, who is also chairman of the Construction League of the United States, had accepted an invitation to address a meeting in Detroit the evening before for the purpose of assisting toward organizing there a unit of the Construction League.

To many it also meant going back to their alma mater and Arthur regretted that some found it necessary to go East to college. He said that on such an occasion he felt that he would like to always be a student.

Dean Wells I. Bennett welcomed members and friends including several seniors in the architectural college. Mr. Hyde called upon Clair Ditchy to present to Mr. Harry Morris of the Class of '39, the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Medal. Mr. Ditchy said he felt a distinct pleasure in this ancient custom because it carried with it not only the idea of scholarship but a recognition of the recipient's service to his University.

Earl W. Pellerin, who was recently awarded the Edward Langley Fellowship, was recognized with a few words of felicitation. Earl leaves on June 3rd for a sojourn in Europe.

The A. I. A. Medal for the senior with the best four year record was presented by Mr. Parker to William Wells Lyman; the second medal going to Werner Anderson. Mr. Parker was a member of the Institute Committee on Education at the time this award was instituted.

He gave a very impressive talk, which was of interest to architects and students, concerning the work of the Institute and what it is doing for the profession, touching upon the work of the Producers' Council, Housing and City Planning.

ARCHITECTS GUESTS OF NAIRN

Wednesday evening, May 24th, some 200 architects were guests of Congoleum-Nairn Corporation at a dinner in the Skylit Room of Webster Hall. It was indeed heartening to see such a good attendance of good architects, which should do a great deal to cement our profession as well as the linoleum. We saw many old friends as well as the very newest registrants.

Henry H. Turner of Grand Rapids was in attendance as well as architects from many cities not so far distant.

These occasions are always helpful to the architects as well as to the particular industry who are hosts because they often mean the beginning of a good bad habit in regard to attendance at architects' meetings.

Following the dinner, guests adjourned to Convention Hall where the Nairn Show was being held and a great deal of useful information concerning their product was given out.

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The new firm of Ditchy-Perry-Sidnam, Architects, is announced as the successor of the firm of Ditchy-Farley-Perry, Architects. The members of the partnership include Clair W. Ditchy, Leo I. Perry, and Verne H. Sidnam.



Sidnam

Mr. Verne H. Sidnam, the new member of the organization is a graduate of the College of Architecture of the University of Michigan. His academic training also includes a year of study at the Art Institute of Chicago. He was runner-up in the Booth Scholarship Competition, at the University of Michigan in 1927 and subsequently went abroad with the winner traveling and studying in France, England, Italy and Sicily.

Mr. Sidnam's practical experience includes work in many well known Detroit and other architectural offices including Perkins, Fellows & Hamilton of Chicago; Oakland Housing Corporation, Pontiac; Detroit City Plan Commission; Cranbrook Architectural Office; Dise & Ditchy; and Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Inc.

HAHN MOVES TO CHICAGO

Stanley Worth Hahn, Muskegon Architect, has announced the removal of his office to Chicago, where he practiced for eight years prior to 1935.

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Friday afternoon at 4:00 P. M. Walter Nack, F. A. I. A., Dean, Department of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a symposium on the subject of Housing Planning with the principal address by Dr. Robert W. Kelso, President Citizens Housing and Planning Council of Detroit and Chairman Michigan State Housing Commission. Dr. Kelso comes to us with a world of knowledge on this subject having made distinct contributions through these agencies and at the University of Michigan where he is Director of Curriculum and Social Work, the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.



Tallmadge



Pierre

Friday evening at 7:00 P. M. has been set aside for meetings of Boards of Directors of State Societies, many of which have already been scheduled.

Friday evening at 8:30 P. M. Thomas E. Tallmadge, F.A.I.A. of Chicago will speak on the Restoration at Williamsburg. This promises to be of outstanding interest from a man who is well qualified to speak on this subject.

Valuable prizes will be awarded for states having the best attendance, etc. In fact every one attending will receive a handsome souvenir.

Saturday morning, June 24th at 10:00 o'clock, E. D. Pierre presiding, Alfred Shaw of Chicago, Chairman of the Institute Committee on Membership will



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PROGRAM

REGIONAL MEETING

Great Lakes and Illinois-Wisconsin Districts
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
AND STATE SOCIETIES

Friday and Saturday, June 23rd and 24th, 1939
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

1:00 P. M.—Registration—Law Building.

2:00 P. M.—Opening Session.

Address of Welcome - Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., Vice-President, University of Notre Dame.

Response

John Reed Fugard, Illinois-Wisconsin District

Clair W. Ditchy, Great Lakes District

4:00 P. M.—Symposium:

Subject; Housing and City Planning
Presiding Officer: Walter R. McCornack, F.A.I.A., Dean, Department of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Principal Address: Dr. Robert W. Kelso, President Citizens Housing and Planning Council of Detroit.

7:00 P. M.—Meetings, Boards of Directors of State Societies.

8:30 P. M.—Address by Thomas E. Tallmadge, F.A.I.A.
Subject: Williamsburg.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

10:00 A. M.—General Session, E. D. Pierre, Presiding.

- (a) Membership - Alfred Shaw, Chairman, A.I.A. Committee on Membership.
- (b) Publicity - Talmage C. Hughes, member, A.I.A. Committee on Public Information.
- (c) Unification - Leigh Hunt, State Association Representative, Board of Directors, A.I.A.

1:00 P. M.—Meeting, Indiana Society of Architects.
Inspection Trips.

Golfing, swimming and other recreational facilities of the campus will be available to guests.

Members are cordially invited to bring their wives.

8:00 P. M.—Banquet.

Toastmaster - Roger Allen.
Speakers - Russell Creviston, Past President, Producers' Council, Incorporated.
Charles D. Maginnis, F.A.I.A., President The American Institute of Architects.
Adjournment.

GREETINGS AND FAREWELL!

From The Secretary, Cleveland Chapter, A.I.A.

With the above announcement your present officers relinquish the helm so confidently placed in their hands a year ago - and with some feeling of pride in having steered thru some muddy waters and successfully tying up at the dock even though in need of repairs and revisions!

Your humble Secretary begs to impart to you (strictly confidential) that throughout the year he was served extremely well and with many sacrifices on the part of Walt Smith, Chairman of our Program Committee, acting as, and in these document, "The Ghost Writer" for the "literary diets" passed out to you monthly. Therefore, before expiring, your Secretary wishes to take this means of thanking him for his helpful and generous services in connection, therewith—there, the news is out and off my chest!—and the following "ode" to you all!

Ye Scrivener, overcome by emotion at the thoughts of the Chapter year ending, bursts spontaneously into rhyme. Note - Any resemblance to persons living or dead in the following effusion is purely intentional and irreverent, and the Secretary and Program Chairman assume no responsibility.

The City Planners have had their say,
The Contractors have dined and gone their way,
We've had Restorers - Modernists - Dutch,
Japanese repatriates and such,
You have heard from New Dealers - Republicans
too -

We have done our damndest to educate you;
You have had a chance to draw from the nude,
You have listened perforce to songs that are lewd,
You have journeyed to Pittsburgh to wine and
dine,

And all of this was very fine.
But - In all of this you have had no voice
The Executive Board has named your choice,
And, ruled by a Fuehrer of iron will,
The Chapter has (some of them) paid the bill.

You may have muttered beneath your breath
Such feeble curses as "Zounds! S'death!"
But now comes the dawn of the glorious day
When the proletarian will holds sway -

You can quaff good beer 'till your temper is strong
"You misbegotten, gutter bred mutts!"

I don't like your faces, I hate your guts!
Why did you thus and not so?" End quote.
And then my "fraands" you can cast your vote
For any man you have nominated.

And a year from now hear him too berated;
Because Tuesday, the Sixth, is Election Day
For the Cleveland Chapter, A. I. A.

The place? It's at Leisy's Underground Grotto
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We don't know a thing about who'll run for
which
But some one will get it, the poor - fellow.

P.S.

I knew there was something that wouldn't rhyme
It's 6:30 o'clock, that's the meeting time.

"Walt"

FROM CLAIR W. DITCHY

The Midwest Architectural Conference will provide an unparalleled opportunity for the architects of this central region to participate actively in a discussion of matters vital to the welfare of the profession and therefore of great importance to each one of them individually. The benefits which may accrue are numerous.

Every state included, namely, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan has a State registration act, thus giving the profession in this region a legal entity. In addition, every one of these states has a State architectural society, thus making available to every architect the protection and assistance which derive from professional association and fellowship.

This Conference will be another step in the direction of making more effective the very valuable work of the American Institute of Architects. Great progress has been made in the matter of unification and many problems of national scope have been and are being dealt with effectively to the benefit of the entire profession. Through the medium of this Conference the very valuable work of the Institute may be given a direct local application and certainly will function as a means of greatly expanding the usefulness of the Institute's services.

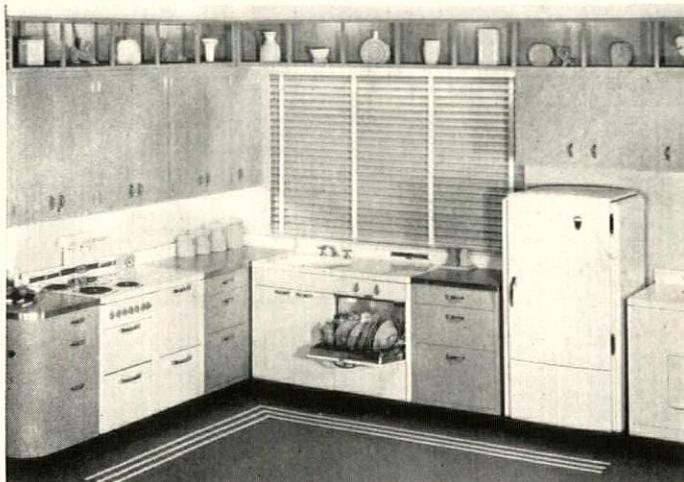
Speaking for the Great Lakes District which I represent, I trust that this meeting will lead us to the establishment of a Great Lakes Regional Association as provided for in the Institute By-Laws and thus give us a permanent agency for the work which this Conference is undertaking.

CLAIR W. DITCHY
Regional Director,
Great Lakes District, A. I. A.

FROM JOHN R. FUGARD

No more stimulating architectural event, with the lone exception of Institute Conventions, has ever been offered to the profession in this section of the country.

The opportunity to meet fellow architects, to exchange valuable experiences, to take part in discussions of vital professional problems, to receive a new impetus from the Institute work that is going forward, to be given the inspiration which comes from personal acquaintance with other architects whose work we have admired, these and many other benefits are in store for those who attend The Midwest Architectural Conference.



STANLEY PARKER SPEAKS AT BUILDING INDUSTRY DINNER

On Friday evening, May 26th, William Stanley Parker, F.A.I.A., Chairman of the A. I. A. Committee on Industrial Relations, spoke before a group representing the Detroit Building Industry at a dinner at the Detroit Leland Hotel.

Mr. Parker, who is also Chairman of the Construction League of the United States, has been instrumental in forming building congresses or units of the Construction League in various cities throughout the country.

Andrew R. Morison, Chairman of the Michigan Building Industry Banquet Committee, presided and called upon Clair W. Ditchy, Regional Director of the Institute, who introduced our guest. Ditchy stated that it was a pleasure to introduce one so well known as Mr. Parker, stating that no matter what phase of the building industry we might touch upon it would be one in which Mr. Parker had had a most important part for many years. He praised Mr. Parker's self effacing and unselfish qualities, stating that it was a very great privilege for Detroit to be honored by his visit.

Mr. Parker impressed upon his audience the importance of the Building Industry in this country, stating that it had a great deal to do with the welfare of our citizens. "It is, therefore, fitting," he said, "to make a special effort toward bringing it more prominently into play and making it more articulate; a movement which deserves the support of everyone concerned."

He spoke from a great wealth of experience in such organization and told about the building congress in his home city of Boston as well as elsewhere, including the one at Chicago recently formed. He gave an outline of the functions and purposes of the national organization as well as local ones, in which the Producers' Council has been most helpful.

In extending a cordial invitation to all architects to attend, let me emphasize not only the importance of this meeting and the unusual privilege of enjoying the hospitality of this great institution of learning, but also such practical considerations as the accessibility of the meeting place and the very moderate expense involved. No architect can afford to stay away.

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Open Letter to Messrs. (Or Messers) Rowland and Ditchy

My secretary, a beautiful Chinese girl called I Gong Wong, has just called to my attention a statement in The Bulletin by Mr. Wirt C. Rowland.

I will trouble Wirt to look in his Scout manual and see what it says there. It says "A Scout is courteous." Wirt is going to be in a fine spot when I tell his

Rod Allen Scoutmaster that he (Wirt, not the Scoutmaster,) a Mister CulDeSac, is a retired pall-bearer by profession and does not read The Bulletin) has been guilty of courtesy. Wirt is in grave danger of being stood up before Troop 6½ and having his Merit badge torn from his middy blouse, preliminary to being piped over the side and marooned on Belle Isle with nothing but a cask of water and a locket containing a photograph of Ralph Adams Cram between him and a fate worse than death.

The trouble with Wirt is that he is not a serious writer like me. Or like Clair Ditchy. I have just had a serious letter from Clair—addressed to an office in the Houseman building that I moved out of in 1930, but Clair naturally has not heard of it yet—in which in a frank and manly way he asks me if there is any truth in the report that I am going down to Notre Dame on June 23 and 24th, ostensibly to toastmaster at a banquet, but really to coach the Notre Dame football team.

I am glad you asked me that, Clair. It just so happens that Notre Dame is not one of the schools I attended. I attended practically all the schools in the United States when I was mustered out of the army

after Appomattox but I stayed only a short time at any of them on account of I bothered the professors so about Gothic. I was quite a Gothic fan in them days. "Flying Buttress Allen" I was known as in them days. But I got on the professors' nerves so that after a certain time, say 15 minutes, they would ask me to leave. "I just Gothic of that guy," they would explain to the Dean, throwing my baggage out of the windows. (They all talked with a lisp as their upper plates did not fit.)

Under these circumstances, Clair William Ditchy, it would not be feasible for me to coach the Notre Dame football team and instead I shall merely hold the audience more or less spellbound for a few brief hours with a reading from my new textbook which is entitled "Through the Drafting Room With Gun and Camera, or Is There a Psychiatrist in the House?" I hope that Wirt Rowland will make a special effort to attend because I want him to get a load of what a serious, technical discussion of the problems of the profession really sounds like.

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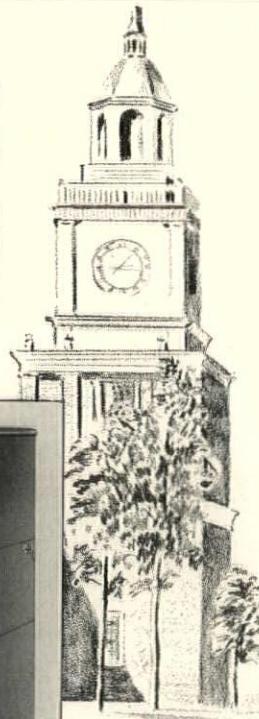
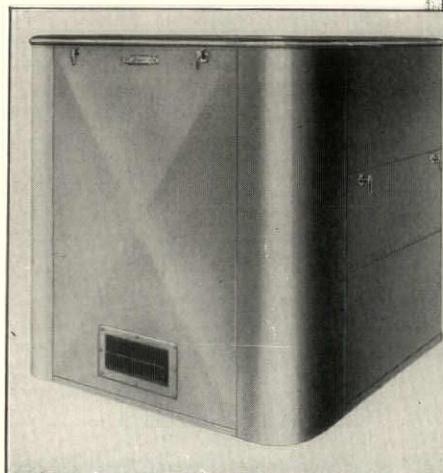
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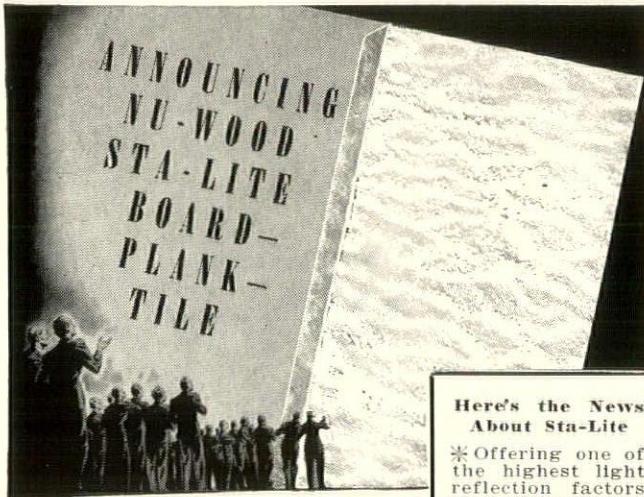
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Also plans for 2-story Doctors' Clinic, Fort St. Visegar Ave.

Taking fig. on equipment—Harper Theatre. Also fig. on lighting fix. screens, shades—Apt. Bldg., 2901 Chicago Blvd.

Prep. plans, housing development, 404 Apts. MacKenzie Manor Housing Corp., owners. 2-story and basement mercantile bldg., Ann Arbor, Mich. Bids closed.

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Prep. plans for store bldg., Houston Ave. & Hayes. Fig. on Apt. Bldg., East Jeff. & St. Jean; due June 12.

E. L. BARBER, DENISON, Iowa, Merritt & Cole, Assoc. Archt.—Plans for \$50,000 Church, Cor. Plymouth and Steele Aves. completed about June 30.

BENNETT & STRAIGHT, 13526 Michigan Ave.

Fig. on Theatre, Rosedale Gardens, closed.

DAVERMAN, J. & G. CO., Grand Rapids—

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DES ROSIERS, ARTHUR, 1414 Maccabees Bldg.

Resurrection Aud. & High School, Lansing, Mich. Fig. due June 21.

Plans for Church, Ubley, Mich.

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Church, Argyle, Mich., closed. Catholic Central High School, St. Scholastica Parish. Closed.

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O'DELL, H. AUGUSTUS, 904 Marquette Bldg.—Prep. plans, factory & office, 125x77, E. Outer Dr. for Hydro Mfg. Co. Steel, Masonry, Monitor & Crane runway.

TILDS, PAUL, 602 Hoffman Bldg.

Prep. plans for Res. 25x43.

Taking fig. on store bldg., Junction Ave.

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Taking fig. on Doctors' Clinic.

WEST MICHIGAN SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The West Michigan Society of Architects at Grand Rapids, a division of the Michigan Society of Architects, has elected officers for 1939 as follows: William P. McLaughlin, president; John P. Baker, vice-president; Emil G. Zillmer, secretary-treasurer; and Harry L. Mead, director. Mr. Mead serves as their representative on the Board of Directors of the parent organization.

On June 2nd, the West Michigan Society of Architects were guests of Wood Conversion Company at Hotel Rowe.

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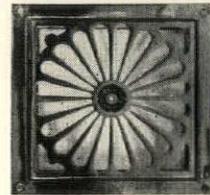
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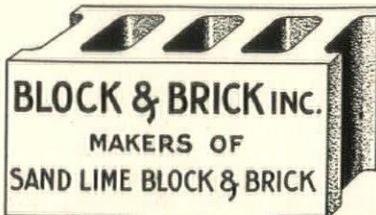
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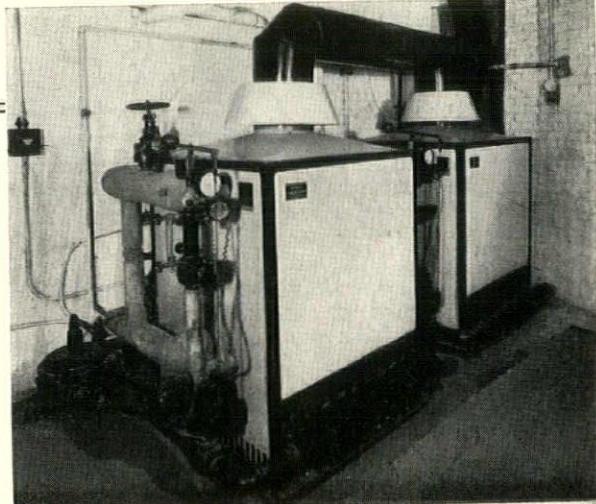


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DETROIT DIVISION JUNE MEETING

The Detroit Division, Michigan Society of Architects, met at the Intercollegiate Alumni Club on Wednesday evening, June 7th. Dinner was served at 6:30 P. M.

Members present were Messrs. Diehl, Caldwell, Wright, Van Reyendam, Merritt, Cole, Sewell, Gabler, Thulin, Hyde, Pickell, Blakeslee, O'Dell and Hughes.

Diehl

We were also honored by having with us Kenneth C. Black of Lansing, president of the Michigan Society of Architects.

Mr. H. A. O'Dell presented the matter of some architectural control for work going through the Department of Buildings in Detroit, such as has been accomplished in a few other cities.

This matter was considered a few years ago but owing to the depression nothing definite was accomplished.

The plan as used in Washington and Cincinnati embodies the voluntary service of architects who serve in rotation to pass upon designs, rating them as good, fair, poor, etc., the idea being to create on the part of an owner the incentive to strive for a good rating in design as well as in construction, which would materially effect the evaluation of his building. It was the sense of the meeting that this would be most desirable and it was referred to the Division Committee on Allied Arts, consisting of Malcolm R. Stirton, chairman, Marcus Burrowes and Thomas H. Hewlett, with instruction to work out the details, to determine the possibilities and to report back to the organization.

Another matter presented at this meeting was the

suggestion that one of Detroit's Federal Housing Projects be named for our deceased member, William B. Stratton. The suggestion met with unanimous approval and the Committee on Public Relations was authorized to discuss the matter with the Detroit Housing Commission.

Caspar J. Lingeman spoke to the architects on behalf of the Open Heart Fund, a campaign to raise \$1,250,000 for the good work being done by the House of The Good Shepherd and the Salvation Army.

The proposed changes to the By-Laws, which had been previously published, were approved, providing for the office of Executive Secretary, who is to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Division, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Talmage C. Hughes to fill that office.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were received and approved.

Most encouraging and instructive reports were received from other committees, which indicates a very helpful organization.

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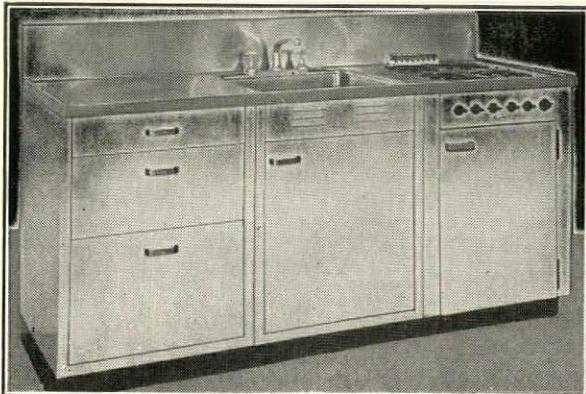
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This is no definite report, but just to indicate that the Committee is aware of the formation of some ideas the building industry is going to offer, and that will be brought to this Committee's attention when the building industry has actually agreed among their members.

This Committee believes that some scheme of the affiliation between the Building Industry and architects, as suggested by Mr. Stanley Parker at the recent meeting here in Detroit would be advisable and worth studying. Such a scheme is now in effect in Boston, New York, Chicago and other cities.

It is my intention to call a meeting later in the summer when ideas are fully ripened. The Building Industry Committee and your Division Committee can then formulate some definite recommendations to your Board of Directors for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
ADOLPH EISEN, Chairman

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1. Section 203, Title II of the Act, has been extended to July 1st, 1941.
2. All mortgages accepted for insurance after July 1, 1939 will provide for the payment of insurance premium at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per centum (heretofore the insurance premium in certain cases was $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 per centum).
3. Applications for an insured mortgage to refinance the existing insured or uninsured must be accompanied by a signed "Refinancing Certificate—FHA Form 2004-B."
4. The authority of the Administrator to insure mortgages under Section 210 is withdrawn; therefore, all applications covering large scale or rental housing projects must be filed under Section 207.

Very truly yours, W. S. SMITH.

BAUMANN ELECTED TO INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP



Baumann

Talmage C. Hughes, secretary, Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, has just received notification from Charles T. Ingham, secretary of the Institute, of the election to membership of Chester L. Baumann and assignment to the Detroit Chapter.

Baumann, who was born and reared in Saginaw, Michigan, received his early education there and served as draftsman for the Wickes Boiler Works. He came to Detroit in 1911 where he became employed by the Chalmers Motor Car Company as draftsman, Detroit Edison Company, Richard H. Marr and Pollmar & Ropes. During the World War he again made use automotive drafting experience on government work at Packard Motor Car Company, Dodge Brothers Company and Hudson Motor Car Company.

From 1918 to 1920 he worked for Albert Kahn, Incorporated as a draftsman and later as Job Captain. He also acted as Job Captain and Chief Draftsman in such offices as Esselstyn & Murphy, Cary & Esselstyn, George D. Mason & Company, General Motors Corporation and Giffels & Valet.

He became registered as an Architect in Michigan by examination in 1931. He is a member of the Michigan Society of Architects.

DIVISIONS ARE ACTIVE

The various divisions of the Michigan Society of Architects, of which there are seven, have been quite active during the past season.

In most cases reports have been sent to the Bulletin for publication and we would very much appreciate receiving any other news of interest to the profession from the several groups.

It has been President Black's suggestion that someone in each local organization should be designated to see that the editor of the Weekly Bulletin receives such reports and news items regularly. President Black further suggested that it would be desirable for each division to assume the task of editing one issue of the Bulletin each year. In that way there would be an exchange of ideas as to how such a publication should be conducted and, undoubtedly, a great deal of good would result.

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From the Bulletin of the Southern California Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

REPORT OF THE ALLIED ARTS COMMITTEE

Detroit Division, Michigan Society of Architects



Stirton

The Allied Arts Committee has been fortunate in having had a very excellent opportunity to stimulate interest both publicly and professionally in Exhibition work. The Convention of the Michigan Society of Architects held in Detroit in March gave this Committee a real reason for an exhibition of the work of the architects of Michigan in which the Detroit Division took a very prominent part.

Through the fine interest and enthusiasm of the architects of Michigan the Committee was able to present an exhibition which we feel was both a success in itself and a stimulating precedent for future exhibitions of a public nature.

More than five hundred Exhibits were offered the Committee comprising the work of more than forty architects and the high quality of these exhibits was especially noted. The Traveling Exhibition of Historical American Buildings collected by the Historical American Buildings Survey of Michigan and sponsored by the J. L. Hudson Company was made available for this convention exhibit and aided materially in making the display a success. Incidentally, the excellent method of presenting the Historical American Buildings Exhibit on permanent boards, which could be easily handled and sent out as a traveling display, should be an inspiration for future exhibitions.

The Committee was further able to collaborate with the Exhibition Committee of the Michigan Society of Architects in arranging a display at the Building Officials' Conference of America held in Detroit in May of this year. At this exhibition the theme was the active part played by the various building departments in aiding and maintaining the provisions of the state registration laws. The Committee feels that exhibits such as this, with a definite aim, have great possibilities and will both illustrate the theme and arouse interest through the presentation of actual exhibits.

The Committee recommends that an annual exhibit become an established fact and urges that a real effort be made to arrange the exhibit far enough in advance to insure its being most complete and to eliminate the confusion of short notice.

The Committee also recommends that the public as a whole be attracted as much as possible and suggests that the publicity necessary for this end be thoroughly organized in advance of the exhibition.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLIED ARTS COMMITTEE, Malcolm R. Stirton, Chairman, Emil Lorch, Marcus Burrows, Thomas Hewlett

DETROIT DIVISION DUES

Lawrence E. Caldwell, treasurer, Detroit Division, Michigan Society of Architects, calls attention to the fact that Division dues are now payable and, since they are only \$1 per year, it is desirable that the architects in the Detroit area, numbering nearly three hundred, send in their dues without the necessity of billing.

Obviously the Division could not afford to spend very much in an effort to collect dues and it is, therefore, felt that they should be sent in voluntarily.

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Martz

The wonders of the Chicago World's Fair and "electric lights" were still being widely discussed when Lawrence S. Martz was born in Van Wert, Ohio. Probably his earliest memories of human relations comprised the social demarcation caused by the wearing of partisan headgear during the presidential campaign of 1900, and later, racing home one day from the railway telegraph office with the shocking news of President McKinley's assassination. In the following period

of national mourning, it seemed the most fitting respect and good taste that even the most intimate family friends be formally received in the "front" parlor. What treasures from far places, what cultural inspirations of Art and Beauty were enshrined in those musty repositories!

Important events which were destined substantially to affect the economic and social life of the nation were plainly indicated in the developments accompanying those robust years of the Theodore Roosevelt administration, and made an indelible impression upon a formative mind. Memory prompts reincarnation of early gasoline buggies, Ramblers and Wintons bought by publicity conscious members of the medical profession; the rapid expansion of electric railway systems, and the initial run of the Pennsylvania's crack 18-hour flyer; the expansion of telephonic communication in a rural community; the early bravery of pioneer golf enthusiasts; memberships in the Sons of Daniel Boone, which preceded the Boy Scout movement; the quickening tempo of popular music which was to be called "ragtime"; the social and economic upheavals foreshadowed by the spread of local option, the labor strike, woman suffrage, trust busting, and similar trends.

Removal to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1910, and entry in high school coincided with a first appreciation of the fundamental importance of property and buildings which create its major value. This prompted an unsuccessful effort to gain apprenticeship in the architectural office of John Van Brunt of that city. It is recalled that the kindly Mr. Van Brunt arose from his overstuffed, leather upholstered rocking chair and showed the aspirant an office and drafting room entirely devoid of personnel. It was impressive, however, to be advised by such a classicist to acquire sufficient training which might qualify for apprenticeship application in an eastern office such as McKim, Mead and White.

Following a meditative year at the University of Missouri, and a short association with E. T. Wilder, who had just retired from the firm of Wilder and Wight, entry in the Department of Architecture at the University of Michigan constituted the first serious attempt to penetrate beyond the exactitudes of Kidder and off orthographic projection. The following troublous years of the war time period brought a costly interruption for army service, and delayed graduation. Then, chronologically, followed working practice in the office of Richard H. Marr, state registration, further experience with Weston & Ellington, and entry into private practice in 1925.

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Public Administration Service issued a booklet in 1938 on "The Parking Problem in Central Business Districts" by Orin F. Nolting and Paul Oppermann in which Detroit's parking problems were given considerable attention. In the Foreword, prepared jointly by Walter H. Blucher, Executive Director, American Society of Planning Officials, and Clarence E. Ridley, Executive Director, International City Managers' Association, we find the following significant statement:

"Property owners in central business districts are wondering what can be done to stabilize downtown property values and to hold the business which is moving to outlying business sections. Residents in the outlying areas are finding it increasingly difficult to drive down town, and when down town to park their automobiles at moderate cost. Transportation companies are wondering about the future of mass transportation in view of the increasing use of automobiles. Cities have engaged in expensive street-widening programs, only to find that the land acquired at a cost of many millions of dollars is used for the storage of motor vehicles—on the costly pavement. All of these problems intermesh and, interestingly enough, one of the elements to be considered in arriving at solutions is the off-street parking lot."

Parking is a real problem, not only in central business districts but in every district where the demand for parking facilities is not recognized. It is just one more of the several problems in which the City Plan Commission and Traffic Commission are cooperating toward some solution or combination of remedies that will make Detroit safer, and more serviceable and convenient for its citizens.

City Planning is necessarily concerned with the parking problem because it directly involves our outline of street pattern, zoning procedure, parks and boulevards, population densities and trends, public building sites, distribution of centers of congestion, public-private-commercial-industrial transportation facilities and many other essential factors, the interrelationships of which are vital to good planning.

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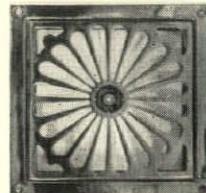
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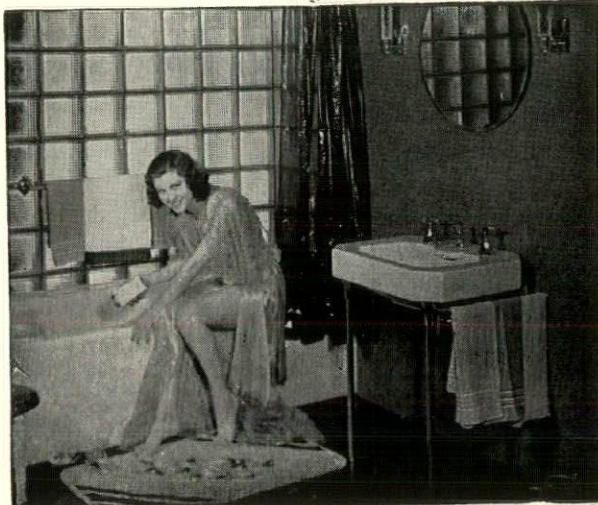
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WHY DOES SMALL BUILDING COST TOO MUCH AND WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?

M. S. of a talk in connection with the **Chicago Town Meeting of The Air** which was spoken May 10, 1939 over NBC thru WENR by — Emery Stanford Hall, F. A. I. A. This manuscript is reproduced with supplementary material in answer to requests for copies.

Before any progress can be made on the solution of the large problem of small building, all schemes of procedure based on other types of building must be discarded and stock taken concerning the fact of bearing.

The problem of human housing is different but not so very different from the problem of human clothing. In times past everybody had his clothes made by a personal tailor, and a man's calibre was judged by the kind of tailor he employed. The worst tailors worked for those with the least money, and a cultured gentleman without funds was dressed like a scarecrow. In a corresponding way the poor man is housed in monotonous rows of incongruous marble-vestibuled monstrosities, with face-brick fronts and common brick sides. This handiwork of the speculative jerry-builder is a stark reminder of the dicky shirt fronts of old.

The clothes makers settled the clothes problem by forming organizations to finance and build clothes on a wholesale basis. This set-up enabled them to employ and to adequately remunerate the best of designers to style and pattern, and to utilize machinery and skilled craftsmen to cut and make clothes of character.

The sweat-shop is a thing of the past. Clothes are now made in clean, well lighted sanitary factories by well paid craftsmen. Garments are now delivered to the customer in variety of styles, to suite taste and figure and at a less price than formerly. The clothing makers have established an industry and the poor man may have good-looking, well made clothes at a price within his reach at the same time the man blessed with liberal funds can still have his exclusive personal tailor.

It is a waste of both effort and material to build small homes one at a time. Only moderately satisfactory results can be obtained when the owner, the architect, the material man and the contractor live or have office close to the building site. The small size of such jobs does not justify travel time for

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job personnel. For small unit jobs, competent detailing, quantity surveying, buying and cost accounting are out of the question. The type of personnel available for such work is able to use only cut-and-try, "by-guess and by-gosh" methods of operation. Obviously such methods mean intolerable waste in construction and an unsatisfactory finished product.

Practically all building materials are manufactured or fabricated in standard sizes. Often a slight variation in length or area arbitrarily jumps a unit base price a very considerable amount. On large operation of repeat character the competent architect can, by experimentation and careful study of his details, save his client more than his entire fee thru adjustment to economical sizes. In other cases, by preparing accurate quantity surveys or cutting lists, the material can be obtained, manufactured to exact size at no extra cost, thus avoiding waste of both material and labor.

On large operations, particularly in the construction of a number of distinct small units, the contractor, by careful organization, study, can split his men up into separate crews. These crews can be trained as specialists who, in succession, can perform with unusual skill and dispatch, one type of operation in each of the units composing the group. With adequate study, the unit parts of a building can be standardized for an entire operation and, at the same time, these units can be combined and assembled into an endless variety of pleasing designs.

It should be known that the field of economical

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quantity production in building is in the making of comparatively small construction parts of interchangeable character. The prefabricated house is not an economical success. Even if it were, it would not be popular. Homes are personal in the same way as clothes. They should both be, and look the part.

Material manufacturers have been careful, in the interest of economy of production, to standardize their products, but they have accomplished little in reducing the cost of building as a whole, because they have not made their standard harmonize and work together with other producers. For illustration, standard metal sash do not fit into standard brick work. They will tell you that they have accomplished wonders thru the production of new synthetic materials and by the use of quantity production machinery. They will soft pedal the fact that they have absorbed most of the economy they brag about by their selling extravagances. It is a fact that in many cases they have so over-sold the public as to wants, that the average man of small means can not build because he has been taught to want so much more than he needs and can afford to pay for, that he won't build at all.

Wherever one listens in on a discussion of the question of building costs, labor is invariably made the goat. It is true that wage scales, for the Chicago area, on the basic, employed-at-the-site building trades have advanced since 1926 an average of 7.8 percent, but this does not amount to as much on total building costs as it sounds. Actually this labor group represents only 30 to 35 percent of the total cost of a building, meaning that its scale increase really adds to the total cost of a building only about 2.6 percent.

It is only fair to note that because of intermittency of employment the seemingly high, hourly wage rate for employed-at-the-site mechanics does not result in an excessive annual earning capacity. Even in boom times, with considerable overtime, 1400 hours per annum seems to be about the maximum average that a building trade-craftsman can be employed in an entire year. At present, in the Chicago district, this is only about 300 hours. Taking into consideration the degree of technical skill demanded and the unfavorable conditions under which they are required to work, at-the-site building mechanics cannot be considered to be over-paid. When left free to serve his employer without hindrance from outside agencies, the building craftsman has averaged to give a favorable account of himself. Taking into consideration inescapable interruptions, less than an eight-hour day or a forty-four hour week, is not economical. The too close limitation on kind of work, and jurisdictional quarrels are utterly destructive of economic efficiency.

Collusion between the labor delegate and the contractor, for the purpose of destroying fair competition, is a crime against the commonwealth which should not escape drastic punishment for both. This practice fostered by N. R. A. constitutes the chief indictment of the building industry.

The job of the so-called labor union-walking delegate is to see to it that only union labor is employed, that working hours and wage scales are observed according to agreement, and that all reasonably proper precautions are taken for the workingmen's health and safety. These delegates are definitely untrue to their constituency when they mix in job management, disputes between contractors or assist in the pyramiding of bids. It is the duty of craftsmen to be skilled in their crafts and to do an honest day's work.

It is the special obligation of experienced craftsmen to see that apprentices have a fair opportunity to learn their trade and to help them to become efficient in every way they can. Cornering the labor market is no different than cornering the wheat market. Restricting opportunity for apprenticeship or not affording proper opportunity for training is a method of cornering the skilled labor supply. The first law of nature is the reproduction of kind. It should be the ambition of every craftsman to train a young man to take his place and make of the apprentice a better mechanic than his master.

NOTE: The discussion which follows was not presented to the **Town Meeting of The Air**, but the author believes it to be important supplementary material.

Labor may be the goat, but taxes are undoubtedly the cause of a considerable increase in the cost of small building. For illustration, in the Chicago district, covering the period between 1926 and 1938, Mr. Craig of the Building Construction Employers' Association, is authority for the statement that the increase in direct taxes on a \$5000 frame house has been 429.6 percent, and on a \$6000 brick house has been 411 percent.

Not so easily identified, but nevertheless very real, are the succession of taxes that catch building material during its progression from raw product in forest and mine to finished material delivered at the site. For illustration, lumber must pass thirty-two separate and distinct tax hurdles betwixt tree and building. There are other building materials and devices less prominent than lumber which are compelled to breast six times as many tax barriers as lumber.

Summed together, and making the best approximation that can be made, it seems reasonably certain that during the period between 1926 and 1938, taxes are responsible for a gross increase in the total cost of a small building of, say, 15 percent.

SUMMARIZING:

The gross per-dollar cost of selling materials for building has added to gross building production charges, — say	2.5%
At-the-site building labor scales have advanced so as to add to gross building production charges, — say	2.6%
Multiplied taxes and attendant tax-paying expenses have produced a gross production charge increase of, — say	15.0%
Thus, the gross production charges for small building between 1926 and 1938 have been pyramided by an approximate total of, — say	20.0%

In the face of this large increase in production charges, one cannot help but be surprised to discover that the actual sales price in the Chicago area (not including land) of a completed frame building which would have cost \$5000 in the prosperous days of 1926, has increased only approximately 7.57 percent; and for a \$6000 brick house has only increased approximately 8.69 percent. The sequel is that in 1926 there was a profit, for those who had money invested, in the construction industry. Today the industry is definitely in the red.

In 1926 the building industry was the largest industry in practically all of the metropolitan areas; and second only to agriculture in the entire United States. To illustrate the drop-off in building business: in 1938 Chicago building permits were only 5.8 percent of what they were in 1926.

Before real economies can be practiced in building, there has got to be volume business. Volume business will not be possible until there is general employment and a marked reduction of taxes. Marked reduction

of taxes can come only by taking every able-bodied person off relief and giving him a job where he has to make good by actually earning the wages he gets. It is a fundamental principal of economics that a country's relative prosperity is dependent upon the percentage of its population who are producers of real property.

The personnel in building industry was formerly among the largest customers for small building as well as of other necessity merchandise. At the same time, they were large buyers of building securities, industrial stocks, and bonds. Put building mechanics back to work and their added spending will make all other business prosperous.

If anyone has a steady job or an assured income, now is the time to build. Both money and land are cheap and, in proportion to cost of production, constructed buildings are being sold at extremely low prices. Plain sense should make it perfectly clear to everybody that with increase in building volume those who have money invested in the industry will demand and get a profit. This means that the sales price of buildings may be expected to advance.

Finally, small building cost can be greatly reduced, character of building improved, and a great many conveniences added, if financing is completely divorced from construction. Certain and prompt payment in cash is a wonderful buying argument. It can buy the job at the minimum cost. Material producers, contractors and real estate operators who combine financing of building with contracting do so to bar out fair competition and enable them to cover up the boosting of the price to their customers.

The key to small building at low cost, quality and quantity considered, is a number of strong, high-class building merchants, individuals or organizations of large financial resources and conservative and far-

seeing vision, who are able to assemble land and buy it on the best cash price basis. A wise business set-up of this sort would employ the best architectural talent to plan the arrangement and use of the land to best advantage. The architects for such an organization would be instructed to study social and market demands for buildings, and to design buildings adapted to wholesale production and calculated to anticipate the requirements of prospective buyers.

To insure the highest degree of production efficiency, the architects would be required to undertake exhaustive research as to cost, character, quality, and availability of materials suited for use in the project in hand. In other words, they would be expected to know the building material market, and the exact installed cost and adaptability to purpose of the various products that are offered.

Contrary to common practice in small house construction, each building unit can and should be carefully designed, both from an artistic and a practical standpoint, and very competently and completely detailed. Every item entering into the building should be numbered and listed, showing exact cutting diagrams and placement position. Not a single item should be left to cut-and-try methods. The quantity survey should be prepared so completely and be so exactly correct as to leave no element of doubt in the mind of the competent bidder.

With the data completed as already described, the architect would take bids and let contracts to separate trade contractors; would supervise construction; audit accounts; and finally issue certificates of completion.

Buildings thus designed and completed could then be sold by the building merchant on a definitely understood margin of profit, on either a cash basis or an extended payment plan, according to customer needs. Building securities backed by such a set-up would form the most reliable type of investment.

The economies and other advantages growing out of such a set-up are very great. They are enumerated as follows:

1. The building merchant can work on a sufficiently large scale to support a strong financial organization of the kind that can establish large credit so as to be able to obtain money for emergency needs, promptly, and at reasonably low rates of interest, buy for cash, and sell on the extended payment plan.

2. Building operations can be on sufficiently large scale to enable the employment and adequate remuneration of the very best impartial technical skill. Because of the size of the operation, this service can be provided and yet not add a prohibitive unit charge against any single building. Here let it be observed that the employment of the best unbiased technical services is not a luxury but a real essential economy in small house building. The chief indictment of the small house that is offered on the market today is that no skilled organized knowledge has been mixed with the material.

3. The set-up which has been outlined would permit of comprehensive plot-planning and the possibility of deed restrictions to insure the permanent character of the neighborhood, and the building of customer good-will, all to the end of assuring permanently satisfactory neighborhood conditions. Permanency in neighborhood conditions spells stability of investment.

4. Architects, in the case of large group planning, can produce a wide variety of attractive designs to suit all needs and at the same time devise interchangeable standards for unit parts, in this way effecting great saving in production costs. Here let it be observed that worth while standards must be based on

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exhaustive research involving a prohibitive expense if spread on a single building unit, but not a noticeable overhead per unit, on a large collection of units.

5. Guaranteed quantity surveys and cutting lists furnished with the architects' plans, as is done in England, eliminates uncertainty and would completely eliminate the waste incident to each bidder taking off his quantities, as has been the custom in this country. This practice would also operate as an effective check on the collusive hold-up which is so often correlative of contractors' association quantity surveys. Where quantity surveys are made by contractors' organizations, the contractor is usually required to file his bid with his association. Despite all disclaimers of intent, eventually such practice is bound to fruit in collusion between bidding contractors. It should be understood that fair competition is essential to keeping the cost of building where it ought to be. Fair competition can only be had when the quantity and quality of materials and workmanship are alike exactly known by all bidders, and secret bids are, in each case, submitted to the Architect in charge without any intermediary contractors' association.

6. By letting contracts direct to the separate trade contractors, the waste incident to the employment of the broker-general contractor is saved. This system facilitates the careful selection of bidders on the basis of established integrity, technical competency, character of equipment, and financial responsibility. No contract should be awarded to any separate trade-contractor who has not himself, or thru his manager, mastered the trade or trades on which he, or it, assumes to execute a contract. Of course a reputation for honesty is essential to any business transaction.

7. Impartial technical supervision of a large project which is made up of small units planned with uniform parts of established standard, can be handled with a high degree of efficiency at a reasonably small cost per unit. Finally, the certificate of the competent impartial architect, working under conditions as described, amounts to a certain guarantee to the merchant in building that the merchandise which he has to offer to his customers is of a kind he can stand back of. At the same time, it is an assurance to the prospective buyer that he is getting exactly what is represented at a correctly fair price.

8. In conclusion, the man with moderate means can, under the above outlined plan, buy a well-styled, personalized home, produced at quantity production prices, and at the same time, adequately remunerate all of the personnel involved in production.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

The revised by-laws of the Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects have been printed and are now being mailed to members.

Treasurer, Mac Stirton is to be commended for the excellent manner in which the document was prepared. Members of the Chapter are urged to keep their copies on file for reference as to subject matter as well as for lists of committees, members of the Chapter, etc.

William H. Reid, Jr. and wife of Billings, Montana, were in Detroit last week, where Bill acquired a new Cadillac. He will be pleasantly remembered by his many friends as a former practitioner in Michigan.

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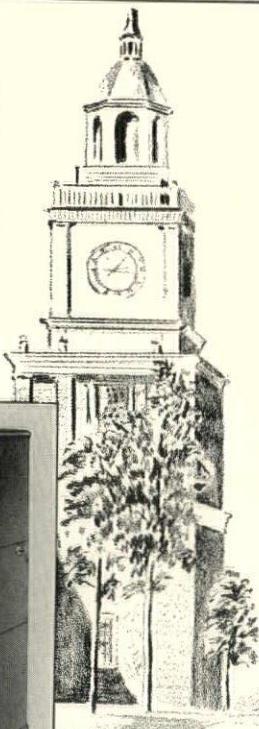
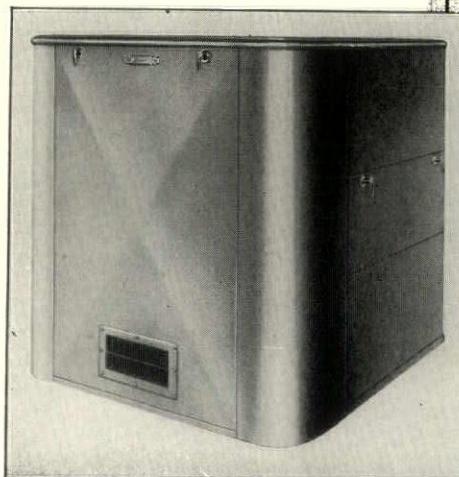
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Taking fig. on equipment—Harper Theatre. Also fig.
 on lighting fix. screens, shades—Apt. Bldg., 2901
 Chicago Blvd.

Prep. plans, housing development, 404 Apts. Mac-
 kenzie Manor Housing Corp., owners.

2-story and basement mercantile bldg., Ann Arbor,
 Mich. Bids closed.

3-story and basement Apt. Bldg., Jeff Ave. Belvidere
 Land Co., 24 units. Iroquois & Jefferson Aves. Bids
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Prep. plans for store bldg., Houston Ave. & Hayes.
 Fig. on Apt. Bldg., East Jeff. & St. Jean; due June
 12

Prep. plans for 2-story & basement Add. Federal
 Stores, Gratiot at 7 Mile Rd.

Prep. plans for Commercial Bldg. & 2000 seat
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BENNETT & STRAIGHT, 13526 Michigan Ave.

Fig. on Theatre, Rosedale Gardens, closed.

DAVERMAN, J. & G. CO., Grand Rapids

Prep. plans, parish house, Legrave Ave., Christian

Reformed Church, G. R., \$50,000.

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Fig. on equip. for G. P. Jr. High School. Closed.

DES ROSIERS, ARTHUR, 1114 Macombs Bldg.

Resurrection Aud. & High School, Lansing, Mich.
 Fig. due June 21.

Plans for Church, Ubley, Mich.

DIEHL, GEORGE, 120 Madison Avenue

Church, Argyle, Mich., closed. Catholic Central High
 School. Fig. June 27.

School, St. Scholastica Parish. Bids closed.

HERMAN, ALOYS FRANK, 710 Owen Bldg.

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Fig. closed on Coffee Shop, Fort Wayne Hotel

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Mr. and Mrs. Eliel Saarinen sailed on June 13 from New York City for Helsingfors, Finland, to be gone most of the summer. Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert F. Swanson, went down with the Saarinens to attend the wedding of Eero Saarinen and Lillian Swan, which took place June 10 at Syasett, Long Island. The Eero Saarinens are back at Cranbrook, and will take their wedding trip in July, going to Finland where they will join the seniors Saarinens.

Kenneth C. Black, president of the Michigan Society of Architects, has accepted an invitation to speak at a meeting of the Cleveland Society of Architects on June 27th. Architects from Toledo and eastern Ohio have been invited to the meeting which will be devoted to a discussion of the need for, and activities of, state societies and their relation to the A. I. A.

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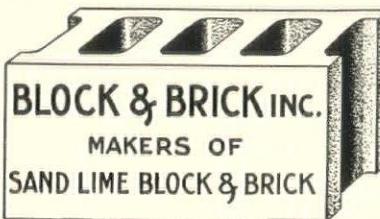
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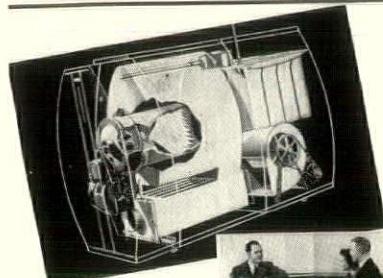
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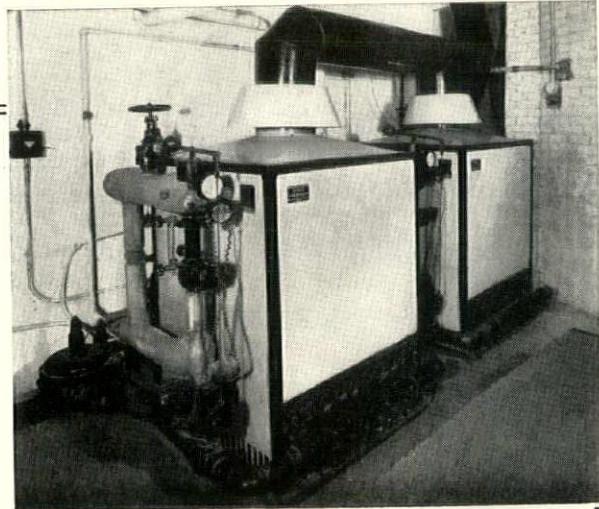
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